

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-504-T - ORDER NO. 2000-031
JANUARY 7, 2000

IN RE: Request of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc.,) ORDER GRANTING
P. O. Box 171771, Spartanburg, SC 29301,) FUEL SURCHARGE
for a 3 Percent (3%) Emergency Fuel)
Surcharge.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request from the South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. (the Tariff Bureau) for approval of a 3 percent (3%) emergency fuel surcharge, due to escalating prices for fuel used by the Tariff Bureau's member's trucks. The Tariff Bureau notes that the interstate tariff will allow a 3% fuel surcharge effective January 7, 2000.

In South Carolina, the fuel surcharge would apply to Item 300 and Transportation rates contained in Motor Freight Tariff No. 2.

Our Regulation 103-193(2) gives us discretion in requiring notice of new rate filings in the transportation area. In this particular case, we think that escalating fuel prices necessitate immediate approval of the request without notice. The delay caused by a notice period could result in great harm to the members of the Tariff Bureau, in our opinion.

Although the Tariff Bureau has asked for us to grant the fuel surcharge for a period of ninety (90) days, we decline to do so, and, instead, grant the fuel surcharge for a

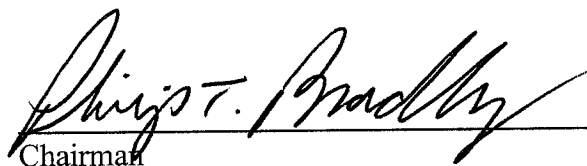
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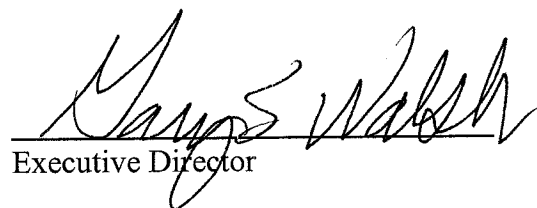
period of sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, subject to renewal and review by this Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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